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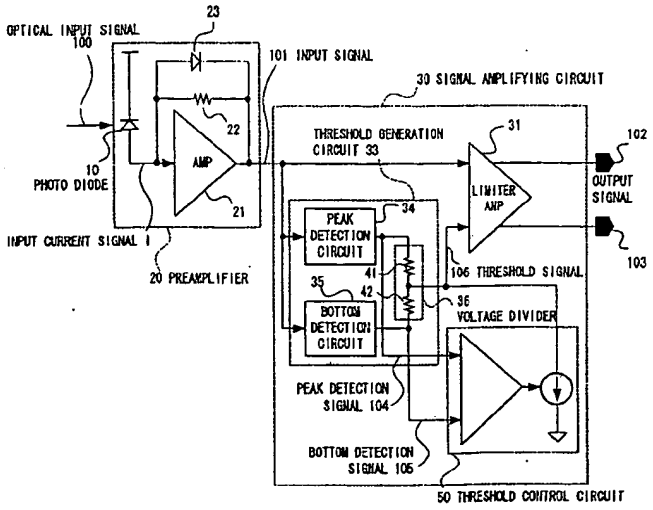
(54) Signal amplifying circuit

(57) In a signal amplifying circuit connected to a transfer circuit having a known non-linear transfer characteristic and a transient characteristic, a threshold generation circuit generates a threshold signal based on an input signal, a threshold control circuit controls the threshold signal so as to correct the non-linear transfer characteristic of the transfer circuit provided at a former stage based on the input signal. Also, basic amplifying circuit blocks can be connected in a multistage form, each of which is composed of a threshold generation circuit and a differential amplifying circuit, and control the threshold signal of a latter stage block so as to correct the non-linear transfer characteristic of a basic amplifying circuit block at a former stage based on the input signal. In addition, basic amplifying circuit blocks can be connected in a multistage form, each of which includes a peak master-slave threshold generation circuit or a bottom master-slave threshold generation circuit, and control the threshold signal of the differential amplifying circuit of each circuit block.

FIG. 2



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